

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Lesson ID: 61049-65088

Title: COORDINATION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MEDICAL RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Operation/Exercise Name: SEA ANGEL

Observed: 11 May 1991

Originator: RLT-5

POC: COL RA GANGLE Commercial:

DSN:

5. (U) OBSERVATION:

The coordinated relief efforts for the medical civil action were well coordinated and highly successful.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Several of the relief agencies involved in the operation (Red Cross, Red Crescent, CARE) had organic medical personnel and/or personnel trained to work with medical teams. This allowed face-to-face coordination of medical relief efforts between the non-governmental organizations (NGO's), the JTF medical teams, and the civilian medical authorities. Five physicians and twenty-five corpsmen augmented existing medical facilities in the region most severely damaged by the cyclone. Bacillary dysentery, traumatic amputations, and various other maladies were treated over the course of the operation. Some medical supplies were initially provided from Authorized Medical Allowance List (AMALs). Subsequent medical supplies and equipment were provided by Naval Gunfire Officers (NGO's).

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

A well coordinated medical relief effort was able to provide significant care to several thousand patients.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That deploying medical personnel be occasionally briefed on NGO medical activities to ensure future relief operations, should they be required, will also run smoothly and effectively. Increased familiarity by military medical personnel of the various NGO's can only prove to be mutually beneficial.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

NONE
